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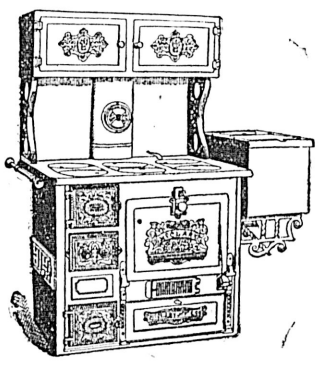

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W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 20th January, 1897. ja17

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THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

Mortality Unprecedented—Heartrending Scenes Continually Witnessed on All Hands.

Thousands of Inhabitants Fleeing in Terror From the Pestilence.

BOMBAY, Jan. 16.—Funds for the relief of the sufferers are being raised on all sides, but a very large amount of money will be needed to provide even those unfortunate people who live on almost nothing (in comparison with Europeans and others) from one end of the year to the other. This calamity, awful as it is in its intensity, is possibly not much greater than the ravages of the dreadful bubonic plague here, which threatens to spread through the flight of the natives of the city into other parts of India, and if it reaches the greatly weakened famine sufferers the mortality may be enormous. The natives have been reduced by lack of food to little less than living skeletons, in the most heavily stricken districts, and, as such, cannot fail to fall victims by the thousands to the black plague, which threatens to invade Europe through the Mecca pilgrims and other sources for the spread of contagion which are too numerous to mention, the principal of which, however, are the export of rags, linen and other merchandise likely to contain poisonous germs. The mortality here has quadrupled, without counting deaths which have occurred among the hundreds of thousands of people who have fled in terror from Bombay, in many cases abandoning their all, in the hurried flight from the pestilence. Up to recently Bombay, with its population of about 500,000, enjoyed the reputation of being one of the healthiest cities in India, its sanitary works being equal to those of the European capitals. But all this has changed, the wings of the angel of death are spread over this once busy city. Over one-half of the population has disappeared. Those who remain and are not helpless are preparing to leave the city by rail, water or road, or are contemplating doing so unless there is a change for the better shortly.

The government officials are seriously alarmed, the native physicians have nearly all left the city, business is paralyzed, the mills are closed or closing, the streets are partly deserted, on all sides are empty houses boarded up or wide open, the passage of funeral parties through the streets goes on day and night, the burning of grounds or ghats light the skies with their reflections, and line on line of bodies there or at the Parsee burial spots are awaiting consignment to the flames or to mother earth.

Heartrending scenes are witnessed along the roads leading out of the city, where long lines of people of all ages and both sexes, laden with household chattels they are able to save, toil onward, away into the unknown, anywhere to get away from the terrible city of death. The price of food and rentals at the outlying stations has run up into figures which prohibit all but the well-to-do from aspiring to anything more than the shelter of an encampment, and here and there the dread plague has burst out among the refugees, causing consternation and a further scattering of the terror stricken.

The number of deaths from the plague in this city is now estimated unofficially to be over 3,000, and there are about 170 additional victims daily. The Europeans have been singularly free from contagion up to the present, only three deaths among them being recorded up to date. At Karachi, Poona and Bandra, where large numbers of refugees have sought safety, the plague has broken out in a most threatening form. At Bandra, for instance, 129 deaths are recorded, out of 180 cases of the plague, causing consternation even among the physicians. In this centre there are thousands of houses without native servants, nearly all the labor having joined the fleeing multitude. Employers are helpless because of the desertion of their clerks and porters, and stores are closed on account of the almost utter stagnation of business.

The mortality during the past week here has been unprecedented, running up to 402 per thousand, while the returns of deaths from remittent fever are extraordinarily high above the plague rate, which is naturally interpreted as meaning that numbers of people who have fallen victims of the plague have been officially recorded as having died from remittent fever.

The government officials dread the spread of the plague to the British troops in garrison here, and it is proposed to withdraw them and send them into camp in the best place available on the other side of the Bombay harbor. On the other hand there are people who oppose this step being taken, on the ground that the presence of British regulars would have a salutary effect on the populace, which might otherwise start rioting and looting,

It is also suggested that the whole city should be isolated and that escape by land side be prevented by the patrolling of armed troops. It is believed by others that the only radical cure is to drive the remaining natives from the quarter of the city inhabited by them and apply the torch to their habitations and burn every place there to the ground. No amount of disinfecting work will wipe out the horrible scourge as the rats and even ants, it is claimed, are infected and will carry the pestilence far and wide unless the fire cure is adopted. If this is done, and it does not seem unlikely, the whole of the remaining native population will be driven out by the troops to an immense camp which will have been prepared for them. There the natives will be compelled to remain, surrounded by a cordon of troops, until the plague is stamped out or works its worst among the unfortunates, and death finally solves the problem which is now the nightmare of the government officials.

It should be added that the native quarter could be rebuilt in six weeks under proper sanitary conditions and that therefore the purification by fire might be a godsend to the natives in more ways than one. The camp at Andheri is in a particularly unhealthy state and an outbreak of cholera there seems certain in addition to a visitation from the plague. Water is scarce and what there is of it is filthy. Many of the refugees, alarmed by the deaths which have already occurred, there have fled to other points. A word of praise is due to the government officials and European doctors. They are showing a fine example to the natives, although many of them have, as a precaution, sent away their families. They are doing everything possible, working night and day, in their efforts to stamp out the loathsome pestilence, restore the courage of the faint-hearted and encourage business as much as possible; but it takes a great deal of heroic example to strengthen the nervous system of the panic stricken nation of India, and the exodus from Bombay therefore continues without abatement.

IN THE FATHERLAND.

Germany and Austria Consult as to the Reorganization of Their Artillery.

Russia and the Polish Agitation—A Farmers Pool Being Organized.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—The presence in this city of Count Goluchowski, the Austrian minister of foreign affairs, who arrived here this morning, is understood to be partly due to the desire of the two emperors to come to an understanding in regard to the projected reorganization of the artillery of both armies. Count Goluchowski called upon Prince Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, soon after his arrival, and this evening will be received in audience and dine with Emperor William. It appears that the German military attache at Vienna had a special audience of the Emperor Francis Joseph early in the week, and gave His Majesty a detailed explanation of the new German field-gun, with drawings, models, etc. The German Emperor also had a long conversation with Baron von Szogyeny-Marich, the Austrian ambassador to Germany, and with the Aurtrian military attaches on the same subject.

The Prussian government is finding that the Polish agitation cannot be suppressed by administrative measures, under the existing laws and is preparing a bill for introduction in the diet, giving it greater power to deal with the agitation. In the Reichsland (Alsace-Lorraine), the government is dealing with great severity with the anti-German propaganda and the Gazette de Lorraine, the leading organ of the French population has been forbidden to print official news in French. Much strife has been caused in Cologne owing to the order of the Military Governor-General of Leipager, that no assistance be given to the carnival, and that officers are not to be allowed to attend it because at one of the sessions of the Cologne Carnival Society an ironical speech was made referring to the Bruzwitz affair, which was considered offensive to the army. As the promoters of the carnival depend upon army horses to draw the car it is feared that it will either fall through or turn out to be a poor affairs.

The action of the grain-dealers in consolidating their interests and defying the new bourse law, has stirred up the agrarians, whose press, headed by the Kreuze Zeitung, is now agitating the organization of a farmers' pool, with a view to checkmating the dealers and to arrange for the direct sale of their produce. It is suggested that the farmers form sale associations and dispense with the middleman. An open and bitter war between the agrarians and the former members of the produce exchange is now expected.

The Radical and National Liberals intend to question in the reichstag the government's right to imprison editors for refusing to reveal the authorship of information. They intend to propose a special law to render such high proceedings impossible in the future.

TO-MORROW afternoon the Woman's Council will be favored with an address by Mr. Haggan, a journalist from New Zealand, who has for many years been a strong advocate of woman's work and has also given valuable assistance in bringing many of their efforts to a successful issue. The executive of the council will meet at half-past two for the transaction of business, and at 3:30 the meeting will be open to all desirous of listening to the address.

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CROW'S NEST COAL CO.

Montreal and Ottawa Capitalists Seek Incorporation—Writs for By-Elections Issued.

British Pacific Railway Company to Apply for a Dominion Charter.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—An important meeting of the cabinet was held to-day, lasting seven hours. There was a large amount of business to transact, as the ministers are scattering for some days.

Writs for South Brant, East Simcoe and North Ontario were ordered to be issued. Nominations take place on January 29; polling, February 4. All these constituencies returned Conservatives at the June election.

Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson left for Nova Scotia to-night.

Hon. Mr. Mulock will lead the government forces at the Ontario bye-elections.

Appraiser Shears, at Victoria, has been dismissed from the public service.

The British Pacific Railway Co. will ask for a Dominion charter.

Capt. Sinclair has resigned as secretary to the Governor-General, having definitely accepted the Liberal nomination for Forfarshire.

A number of Montreal and Ottawa parties are seeking incorporation as the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.

Mr. Osler, M.P., W. B. Matthews, and other prominent Toronto capitalists are seeking incorporation as the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co., with a capital of $5,000,000.

THE SCHOOL SETTLEMENT.

Disapproved of by the Late Archbishop Fabre—Circular Letter by the Archbishop of Quebec.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—(Special)—Shortly before his death Archbishop Fabre wrote Mgr. Langevin to the effect that he did not agree with the school settlement.

QUEBEC, Jan. 16.—(Special)—Monsigneur Begin, archbishop of this diocese, has sent a circlar letter to all the clergy of the diocese, part of which will be read in the churches to-morrow. The letter is of a private nature and treats on different subjects. Referring to the Manitoba school settlement, Mgr. Begin says that the bishops could not approve of the settlement, and when the priests are consulted as to the school question they are advised to state that the settlement is not a satisfactory one and that it is condemned by the church. To help Mgr. Langevin with his schools a tax is imposed on the clergy of the diocese as follows: Cures, $5; clergymen in seminaries and colleges, $2; and religious communities, $10 annually.

ATLANTIC STEERAGE RATES.

Agents in New York Decide to Continue Existing Prices as at Present.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The agents of the steamship companies forming what is known as the British Steamship Steerage Company at a secret meeting in this city discussed the question of continuing the agreement made between them last year for the control of the steerage business. The meeting was held in secret, and the various agents who were present, were averse to speaking. The British Steerage conference comprises the American, the Cunard, the White Star, the Anchor, the Allan State, the Beaver, and Dominion lines. Among those present were Clement A. Driscoll, of the American line, and Andrew Allan, of Montreal. It was learned that the main question settled was that of differentials among the various lines. It was finally decided to make no change in the present rates and to continue the agreement until March 15.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

The Treaty Unanimously Endorsed at an Inter-Denominational Mass Meeting in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A resolution urging the ratification of the proposed treaty of general arbitration was adopted at an inter-denominational mass meeting held last night in Carnegie hall under the auspices of the simultaneous meeting committee, representing the foreign mission boards of the United States and Canada. The platform was crowded representatives of the boards of foreign missions in this and other cities, and with the executive officers of the various mission societies. The big hall was well filled with an audience in which women largely predominated. Gen. James A. Beaver, of Pennsylvania, presided and spoke briefly in favor of the treaty. The Rev. D. D. Stores in an address urged that the mission boards do all in their power to influence the ratification of the treaty. The following was then unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that this conference of foreign mission boards, representing, as its members believe, the sentiment of the great body of Protestant Christians throughout the United States and Canada, rejoice in the prospect of the early ratification by their respective governments of the general treaty of arbitration and respectfully urges prompt confirmation of the same."

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PLAGUE AND FAMINE.

India Face to Face With the Most Appalling Calamity Since British Occupation.

Prohibition of Pilgrimages to Mecca Strongly Urged—Assistance Asked for the Sufferers.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—For some time past everything has pointed to the fact that India is face to face with the most appalling calamity since the British occupation. The spread of the bubonic plague came almost with dramatic suddenness on top of the famine, and created throughout Europe a feeling of the greatest alarm. Up to the present the two visitations have been confined within separate areas, but it is extremely probable that the plague will ere long reach the famine districts owing to the impossibility of preventing the migration of the panic stricken natives, and should this turn out to be the case, competent authorities forward to terrible mortality, as the plague germs will find fruitful soil in the emaciated natives.

Even the elaborate precautions adopted by the Indian government appear hardly to have foreseen such a gigantic undertaking as that of dealing with over eighty millions of people, and its ready acquiescence to the appeal to private charity indicates that it now recognizes the insufficiency of the arrangements. The sympathy of Great Britain is now thoroughly aroused and relief funds have been started in all the chief towns. The Mansion House fund is approaching £90,000, and it is hoped the total of the fund will reach at least £700,000, which was the amount subscribed for the relief of the sufferers by the last famine.

"The Lord Mayor of London will receive with affectionate gratitude any donations from the people of America for the India famine fund. He invites the junior branch of the united family to emphasize their noble feeling towards the Mother Country which the Mother Country cherishes for them. (Sd.) GEORGE FAUDEL PHILLIPS."

The newspapers urge that some more extensive measure be adopted, and one of the weekly papers suggests that parliament vote a big grant or lend India £10,000,000. A representative of the Associated Press called upon the lord mayor after the meeting at the Mansion House to-day. The lord mayor said he was hopeful that the Americans would co-operate, and he wrote the following statement, which he hoped to have published in the United States:

A Bombay dispatch says: Plague and famine aae stalking arm in arm through densely populated portions of the British empire, in India thousands are dead or dying and the outlook becomes blacker and more terrible every day. Millions of helpless men, women and children are starving and the famine districts having a population of nearly forty million people, will have to depend upon the hand of charity for food enough to keep body and soul together until April or later. Other districts with a population numbering about fifty millions, are already feeling the plague and pangs of bitter privation from food and this must be endured well on into spring before permanent relief will be afforded by nature.

From the European point of view the plague is a matter of graver concern than the famine. All the continental governments are adopting sanitary measures at the ports, and the import from India of rags, linen and other articles capable of conveying the germs is prohibited, and it is announced that a European conference will be held at Rome to consider the adoption of combined measures to prevent the plague from invading Europe. The Russian government has sent doctors to Persia to watch the progress of the disease, and if it appears in either Persia, Afghanistan, or Kashgar the Russian frontier will be immediately closed.

The Indian government has dispatched the director-general of the medical service to study the plague at Bombay, and two chief officials of the Egyptian sanitary staff have also gone there to arrange for measures to minimize the danger of the plague spreading to Mecca, where if it occurred it would probably mean the infection of Egypt. The Egyptian government has decided that if the plague appears in Arabia no Egyptian pilgrim will be allowed to return until it is extinct there.

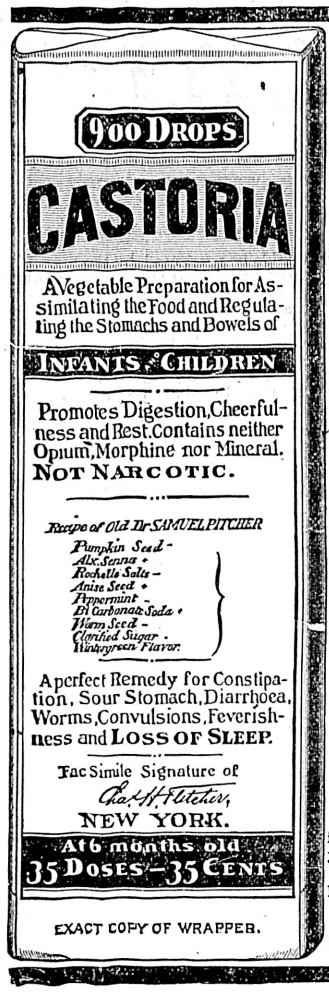
The Daily News publishes a long article advocating the prohibition of the Mecca pilgrims, and suggests that the European minister at Teheran and St. Petersburg induce the Shah and the Czar to proclaim the closing of the channels of pilgrimage, while the Turkish authorities close the port of Jeddah. Great Britain, under treaty arrangements can prohibit African pilgrims from traversing Indian and also stop the afflux from Beluchistan, and Austria has decided to prevent so far as possible pilgrimages from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The British Medical Journal mentions a report that six plague cases have reached Marseilles, but adds that it believes the disease will not spread as the town is in a good sanitary condition.

WEST AFRICAN MASSACRES.

Eight Hundred British Troops to Be Sent to Avenge the Outrage.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The British government has lost no time in making arrangements to avenge Consul Phillipps and his party, who were massacred by the inhabitants of Benin City, on the West coast of Africa. About fifteen officers sailed to-day for the Guinea coast and war stores will follow next week. The British warships at that station will furnish a landing body of 500 bluejackets, who with 300 Houssa troops will form an expedition which will ascend the river in launches to Sapoli. Thence this force will march about 25 miles to Benin City, whose most dangerous defence is a rampart of malaria swamps. The expedition is provided with machine guns and saver rockets, which are intended to wipe out the King of Benin. It is expected that operations will be finished by the end of February before the rainy season commences. The march from Sapoli is expected to be a ticklish piece of work.



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COUNTRY VERSUS CITY.

The Mistake the Farmer's Son Often Makes—Conditions Contrasted.

(From the San Francisco Call.)

The Registrar-General of London, England, has submitted the census of the great city and his figures show an increase in population of 200,528 since June, 1891, making the population 4,411,271. One living right in London could hardly conceive how so many people could live in one municipality. It is not so difficult, however, to understand why all the cities of civilization have increased in population so fast in recent years. The time was when suburban life was considered the more desirable, both for health and pleasure, but the improvement in the construction of houses, means of rapid transit and sanitary engineering have added so many convenience that city life has become very desirable, especially since church, amusement and library facilities have kept pace with the advance in hygienic and other health-giving agencies. It may be said, in fact, that the city is very much healthier than the town or village.

The growth of American cities and towns is, however, attributable for the most part to causes that are not at all conducive to moral health at least. This comes from an idiotic idea that farm life is somehow under a social cloud; that horny hands and brown skin are barred out of fashionable society, and that to "hold the plow or drive" is not nearly so lofty an occupation as a clerkship in a city. Farmer-boys do not like to admit this, but it is nevertheless true, and the census of the first occupation of a large percentage of "city" men would prove it. The young man makes a great mistake in quitting the farm as statistics show. It is very rare that a farmer fails to come out more than even at the end of the year, and he never has to worry himself half to death over bills payable, but less than five out of every one hundred commercial or any other kind of business venture in the city becomes a firmly established concern whose rating is A1.

Some years ago an Arkansas land owner advertised for tenants to cultivate his farms. He announced the terms, which were that he would furnish as much rich cleared land as the tenant might want, a comfortable enough house, a team of mules, farm implements, necessary seed, and furnish table supplies for the first year on credit. At the end of the crop year the tenant should first pay for his supplies. After that he should take out enough of the crop to provide for the next year. Then he should give the land owner one-half of what was left of the crop, his own share being the same less the cost of his table supplies, which the landowner was security for. The landowner had enough land to supply about sixty families. He got enough, but out of the hundreds of letters of inquiry there were less than a dozen from cities, and only three accepted the position. That is one of the reasons why there are so many impecunious men in the cities. "I had rather go hungry in the city than live well on a farm," one man wrote.

FUR BEARING SEALS.

International Agreement for Their Protection or in Default to Slaughter Them Outright.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. — The senate committee on the fisheries to-day listened to an argument by Professor Henry W. Elliott, in advocacy of the bill providing for an international agreement for the protection of fur bearing seals. Professor Elliott exhibited a large number of colored charts showing the habits of seals. He contended that from an economic and humane point of view it would be far better for the United States to kill all the remaining seals outright than to permit the slaughter to continue under present regulations.

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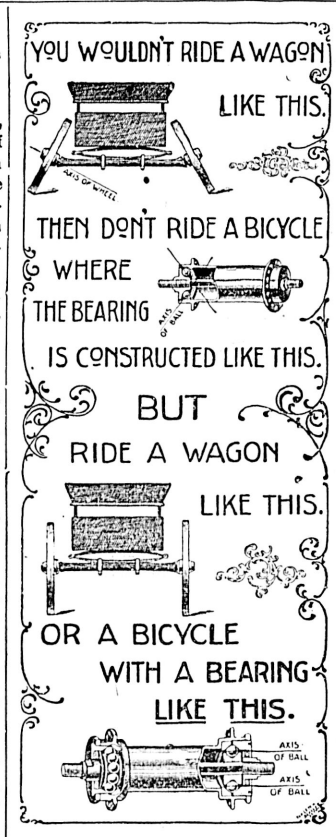

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Steamer for the Big Bend—Trades and Labor Council—Election at Duncan.

Poultry Show at Nanaimo—B. C. Mining Engineers—New Canneries on the Fraser.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 16.—The appraisers, Messrs. Hutchings and Weeks, appointed by the city to set a value on the damage by fire and water inflicted by the fire brigade on the occasion of their burning down condemned shacks on Dupont street, have assessed the total damage at $159.25. This will not satisfy the complainants, who are asking large damages.

The annual election of officers of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council was held last night. Mr. George Bartley, of the World, was elected president; C. McDonald vice-president; Walter Hepburn re-elected secretary; J. Lloyd treasurer; W. Brand statistician. The new president addressed the council at some length, referring to the need of action being taken in the direction of watching the legislation of the local house and also in the city council. The Trades and Labor Council have done good work during the past year, Mr. Bartley said, and the delegates from the different unions should from now on show their interest in the protection of organized labor by attending all the meetings and assisting the council in its deliberations.

In the case of the Bank of Montreal vs. Major & Eldridge, which has created considerable interest in the city, Mr. Justice McColl submitted five questions to the jury, which were answered in favor of the plaintiffs, and judgment was given accordingly.

The news that a C.P.R. steamer is to be put on in the Big Bend country and thus very much cheapen the transportation of ore out of that country, is doing a great deal to increase the value of mines in that district. Mr. David Douglas says that this is particularly so in Orphan Boy stock, which he is handling. This stock is getting very stiff in price and a continued demand for it has been kept up for some time. Athabasca stock, since the Athabasca mines have been taken in hand by the big Toronto company—The British Canadian Gold Fields Co.—has been practically taken off the market, as it is worth far more than it can be readily sold for in the limited market of Vancouver. Holders are confidently expecting that the mine will be a big shipper in a short time. More rich ore has been struck at five feet on the second tunnel of the Golden Cache.

At a meeting of the Albion Company, who are developing twelve silver claims on Bowen island, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Capt. A. C. Bald, E. B. Welsh, P. McNaughton, H. C. Shaw, J. J. Moore.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 16.—There was a rumor in the city yesterday that Mr. T. E. Kitchen, M.P.P., was dead, but enquiry resulted in the news that he was somewhat better that on the previous day, although still seriously ill.

The Canadian Co-operative Society held their annual meeting yesterday at Ruskin's mills, Stave river. The report of the directors showed a very profitable year, and the retiring officers were re-elected.

The members of the Law Association have bound themselves by resolution not to make application for the position of city solicitor under the present notice, and absent members will be notified.

The death occurred yesterday of Mr. Harry L. Freese at an early age of 37. Mr. Freese had been ill for a long time and his death was not unexpected. The interment will take place on Sunday.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterien church was held on Thursday. Rev. Mr. Scouler, it was stated, intended to resign from the pastorate owing to his appointment to the position of chaplain to the penitentiary, but the reverend gentleman did not feel in a position to speak upon the subject. The church is in a prosperous condition and a committee was appointed to take what steps were necessary in regard to Mr. Scoular's resignation.

The concert in St. Barnabas' parish room on Thursday night was a success financially and otherwise. Bishop Dart presided, and the seating capacity of the room was too small for the crowds who were in attendance.

Tenders for the erection of the new cannery for the Cleeve Canning and Cold Storage Co. are being called for. Also for the piling for the new cannery on Front street for Messrs. Brennan Brothers.

Mr. Dinsmore, of the Pathfinder, has purchased the Nanaimo Mail from Mr. Chambers.

Municipal elections were held in the country districts on Thursday, and the following are to hand: Burnaby—Reeve, N. C. Schou, re-elected by acclamation; councillors, Cridland, Stride, Cliff, Ledger and Sprott. Chilliwack—Reeve, T. E. Kitchen, re-elected by a matority of 11 votes over T. C. Higginson; councillors, Lickman, J. Reece, Geo. Marshall, H. Kipp, J. Armstrong and Henry Smith. Surrey—Reeve Armstrong re-elected by a majority of four; councillors, C. C. Cameron, John Bogstrom, T Hookway, John Keary and Wm. Figg.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Jan. 16. — The Nanaimo Poultry Association is holding its annual show on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of February, and there is every prospect that the event will be of a most important character as a large number of entries will be made from outside cities. The well-known Eastern poultry expert, Mr. Butterfield, will act as judge, and many of the competitors are men of prominence among poultry fanciers.

The following mineral locations were made on Thursday and Friday: Midnight and Royal Pine claims, situated on Thurlow island and located by Mr. E. T. Humphrey of Vancouver; the Daisy, Forest Queen and Forest Bell, situated on Nanoose bay and located by Mr. S. B. Hamilton and others, and the John Cecil, on Lasqueti island, located by Mr. H. A. Urquhart of Vancouver.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Association of Mining Engineers, which was to have been held here shortly, has been postponed indefinitely, as it is thought better to hold the meeting when more of the representative mining men of the province can be present. Mr. W. A. Carlyle, the provincial minerologist, came up from Victoria, and Mr. G. F. Monckton, M.E., director of the B. C. School of Mines, Vancouver, and secretary of the association, came over from Vancouver on Thursday, to meet the vice-president, Mr. S. M. Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Company, in reference to the matter.

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, Jan. 15.—The polling yesterday for the contested seat of councillor of Quamichan ward resulted in the folling vote being cast: W. C. Duncan, 28; Elias Castley, 25. Mr. Duncan the retiring councillor being thus re-elected by the spare majority of three votes. Quite one-third of the electors are not at present residing within the ward, and this no doubt accounts for the small poll.

MURDERED MACEO.

His Blind Confidence in Dr. Zertucha Who Had Been More Than Suspected of Treachery.

HAVANA, Jan. 16.—Close enquiry discloses the fact that while the Spaniards were in the act of dragging Maceo's body away from where he was slaughtered the insurgents rallied and charged, again obtaining possession of their leader's remains and carried them to a place of safety. The body was afterward given a military burial at a spot which is known to but few of the most prominent of Maceo's associates. This is the reason that the Spaniards have been unable to find the body of their dreaded enemy, and explains why they have been unable to establish the fact of his death beyond producing the articles which were stolen from his body at the place of the ambuscade.

The insurgents state that it was Maceo's blind faith in his judgment of human nature which led to his death. Long before the events which have just occurred it appears that Dr. Zertucha was the physician in attendance upon Maceo and Gomez and had the confidence of the leader for some time. Gradually suspicion pointed in his direction and the proofs against him became so strong that he was suddenly and unexpectedly seized and searched. Upon his person was found a vaguely worded letter which was couched in terms tending to disguise its real meaning. This did not prevent the doctor's captor's from understanding enough of it to establish beyond any doubt that it referred to killing somebody, probably Gomez himself.

In any case this was the view taken of the matter; all the facts in the case were carefully weighed, and Gomez gave orders that Zertucha was to be shot. Strange to add, however, Maceo, who was with Gomez at the time, felt great pity for Zertucha, and could not believe him guilty. Consequently he interceded strongly in his behalf with Gomez, and eventually succeeded in obtaining his release, on the promise that he, the Doctor, should keep away from Gomez entirely thereafter, under penalty of death. Maceo also appointed Zertucha one of his physicians, and when his personal physician died, Zertucha had so won Maceo's confidence that he was appointed to succeed him.

NOTORIOUS LIBERAL JAILED.

Winnipeg's Fire Loss Small Last Year—"Bad Young Man" Found Guilty of Murder.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 16.—(Special)—Jack F. Jackson, Winnipeg's famous bill of particulars man, was sent to jail for one month to-day for obtaining money under false pretences. He was hired by the Liberals to get evidence against Hugh John Macdonald. Nearly all the charges were indignantly denied.

The local loss by fire in 1896 was $31,477.65, against $102,101.94 in 1895.

Madame Albani arrives here on Monday for a concert next Friday.

Regarding the statement that he would not again be a candidate in Winnipeg, Joseph Martin said he had never changed his mind on the subject, and had already several times positively stated that he would not re-enter politics.

At Macleod, N.W.T., the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder against Charcoal, the Indian who killed a mounted police officer. The case was reserved for the full court and adjourned till Monday morning. It is expected the Wilde murder case will then be tried.

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The Services and Special Sermons Announced for This Morning and Evening.

Mrs. Keesing to Sing at St. John's—Rev. Dr. Lucas to Preach.

To-day, the Second Sunday after Epiphany, the services announced for Christ Church cathedral are: Holy communion at 8 a.m.; matins at 11 o'clock, when Bishop Perrin preaches; and evensong at 7 p.m., when the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Canon Beanlands.

The music at St. John's church will be particularly pleasing, Mrs. C. A. Keesing, an accomplished vocalist from San Francisco, having consented to sing Colnan's beautiful sacred song "Come unto Me" at the morning service and the "Holy City" in the evening. The services are at the usual hours, the musical portion being, in the morning: Venite and psalms to chants as appointed; Te Deum (Woodward); Jubilate (Ouseley); anthem, "Seek Ye the Lord" (Dr. Roberts), with solo by Mr. Ives; Kyrie (Mendelssohn); hymns, 178, 228 and 229; offertory, solo, "Come Unto Me" (Colnan), Mrs. C. A. Keesing. Evening: Psalms and canticles to chants; hymns, 537, 217 and 234; sacred solo, "The Holy City," Mrs. C. A. Keesing.

At St. James' church, the order of services is: Holy communion at 8 a.m.; matins, ante-communion, and sermon at 11, and evening prayer, with sermon, at 7 p.m; the Rector officiating at all the services.

The only other Anglican church for which special announcements are made is St. Barnabas where there will be holy eucharist, 8 a.m.; matins and sermon, 11 a.m.; Sunday school at 3 p.m.; and evensong and sermon at 7 p.m., Rev. J. B. Haslam, the rector, preaching morning and evening.

The services at the First Presbyterian church and at St. Paul's, Victoria West, are of the usual character, while at St. Andrew's, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, the pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sabbath school and Bible class being announced for 2:30 p.m.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church the usual services will be held, while at Centennial church Rev. J. F. Betts is announced to preach in the morning on "Faith and its effects," and in the evening on "A young man's safeguard amid the perils of the age." Rev. T. J. McCrossan preaches at James Bay Methodist church in the morning and Mr. Wm. Noble in the evening. At Victoria West the pastor conducts both services and Bible class will be held in the afternoon.

Bishop Cridge preaches at the 11 o'clock service at the Reformed Episcopal church, while Dr. Wilson in the evening preaches on "The shaking of the nations."

"An Inspiring Parting" is to be the subject of Rev. P. H. McEwen's sermon in the morning at Emmanuel Baptist church, and Rev. Dr. Lucas tells in the evening of "God's abundant provision for the people"; the Sunday school and pastor's Bible class are as usual at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Lucas fills the pulpit in the morning at Calvary Baptist church, and in the evening Rev. Ralph W. Trotter takes as his subject "Make this valley full of ditches."

The text upon which Rev. P. C. L. Harris preaches this morning at the Congregational church is taken from Acts ii, 37, and in the evening he gives a sermon for the times, taken from Romans, i, 28. The pastor and his brother sing at the evening service. The Sunday school and Bible class are at 2:30 p.m. Hereafter the Y.P.S.C.E. meet every Monday evening at the parsonage, 84 Discovery street.

Rev. Mr. Kurtz, of Seattle, holds German Lutheran service in the Reformed Episcopal school room at 11 a.m.

In the Indian mission church Mr. Bullen leads a prayer meeting at 10 a.m., services will be held in the evening at 7 p.m. in English and Chinook; Sunday school is at 2:30 p.m.

"Brotherhood" is the topic at the weekly public meeting of the Theosophical Society this evening at 8:15, at their headquarters, 28 Broad street.

A RAILWAY FERRY.

Barrister H. E. A. Robertson Gives Notice Looking to the Incorporation of An Important Company.

Notice is given in this week's Gazette by Mr. H. E. A. Robertson, solicitor, "that at the next ensuing sitting of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, an application will be made for the purpose of incorporating a company with power to operate a ferry, by steam or other power, for transporting cars, holding either passengers or freight, from a point on Burrard Inlet or the Fraser river, or between the above mentioned places, to connect with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railroad at or near the city of Nanaimo, and for all powers necessary or conducive thereto."

This the Times sets forth as a text, arguing therefrom that it must be the Messrs. Dunsmuir who intend operating the railway ferry referred to—and that this being the case, an item of alleged news that the Times published some weeks ago must be true. The shock of the surprise apparently was so overpowering that the Times forgot to ask Mr. Dunsmuir if he was connected with the project, but content in the introductory "it is understood," proceeded to enlighten the public as to just how and why "the Messrs. Dunsmuir are the chief promoters of the ferry."

Now, for the benefit of the Times, it may be stated that neither the E. & N. railway company nor the Messrs. Dunsmuir are interested in the present project; and for the further information of the evening paper it may be pointed out that did the Island railway company desire to so add to their transportation facilities, they already possess the necessary authority under their act of incorporation and would have no occasion to approach the legislature with a bill seeking such powers and privileges.

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Iron Queen	.02	Star M. & M. Co	.07
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Josie Mac	.13	Wonderful	.11
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To take effect at 8 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 1896. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH.

	Daily	Sat'day
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	A.M. 8:00	P.M. 3:20
Ar. Nanaimo	11:40	6:38
Ar. Wellington	12:00	6:55

GOING SOUTH.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:20	3:30
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:40	3:45
Ar. Victoria	12:20	7:00

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Until further notice the steamer

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Leave Victoria for Nanaimo, Tuesday, at 7 a.m.
Leave Nanaimo for Comox, Wednesday, at 7 a.m.
Leave Comox for Victoria, Thursday, at 5 a.m.
Leave Victoria for Nanaimo, Friday, at 7 a.m.
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TIME TABLE No. 29

Takes effect December 24th, 1896.

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Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

New Westminster Route.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.
For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.
For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at o'clock.
LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria—Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.
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NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN PROBATE.

In the Matter of the Estate of John Doran, of Esquimat Road, near the City of Victoria in the Province of British Columbia, Deceased.

Pursuant to an order of the said Supreme Court made by his Lordship Mr. Justice Walkem, on the 6th day of January, 1897, probate of the Will of the said John Doran, deceased, was granted to the Rev. Joseph Nicolaye the executor in the said Will named.

All persons indebted to the estate of the said John Doran, deceased, are hereby required forthwith to pay, and all persons having any claim against the said estate are required to send particulars thereof to me.

E. M. JOHNSON,
Agent for Rev. J. Nicolaye, Executor of John Doran, Deceased.
Office, 37 Government Street, Victoria, B.C.
P.O. Address Box 168, Victoria, B.C. ja8

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A CALL TO ACTION.

In the history of every country there come periods which may be fitly described as epoch-making, and upon the policy which then inspires those who have the management of its affairs the future in a large measure depends. Such an hour has come to British Columbia, and popular appreciation of the fact is shown by the utterances of the press, the declarations of speakers at public meetings and the conversations heard on all sides. Knowledge of the vast resources of British Columbia is now general, faith in the results which will flow from their development is universal, and consequently enthusiasm as to the possibilities in store for the province, which not very long ago was indulged in only by the few, is now the characteristic of the many, irrespective of locality or political affiliations. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the demands for development projects are many, and that all eyes are directed to Victoria to see what the next session of the legislature will bring forth. It is not too much to say that the session may prove a pivotal one, both in a political and a provincial sense.

In so vast a province as British Columbia, where the people are scattered over so large an area and where there are several centres of business and population, it would be a matter of great surprise if a divergency of views did not exist as to the best line of action to be adopted, but while this adds to the difficulty of the situation it in no sense relieves either the government or the legislature of any responsibility in the premises. The multiplicity of the demands only emphasizes the necessity for the adoption of as vigorous, as broad and as comprehensive a policy as the resources at the command of the legislature will warrant.

It is not our purpose in this article to indicate any special line of policy which the government ought, in our opinion, to ask the legislature to endorse; but simply to lay stress upon the fact that the people expect action of some kind and are prepared to give their hearty support to any reasonable legislation which will stimulate the investment of capital in British Columbia, lead to the colonization of its vast vacant areas and add to the value of the property of those who have hitherto borne the burden of taxation and to whose enterprise, courage and business ability the present excellent condition of the province is largely due. We desire to impress upon the members of the legislature that they should come to the discharge of their sessional duties prepared to give effect to public sentiment along this line as fully as can be done without imperilling the credit of the province or placing upon the people excessive burdens. We wish to impress upon the members of the provincial administration the great importance of meeting the house with a well-defined line of policy. It may well be that in determining what that line shall be the expectations of some localities may be temporarily disappointed. This is, indeed, inevitable; for it would be beyond the ability of the province to meet at present all the demands likely to be made upon it on behalf of meritorious development projects; but the majority of the people are not unreasonable and will sustain the Government and the Legislature in any well-considered course, even if some of them might for personal or local reasons prefer some other.

We do not care to discuss the political aspect of this matter, for it is one that rises above political considerations. It matters little to the mass of the people whether John Doe or Richard Roe holds a cabinet portfolio, but it signifies much to every man who is interested in British Columbia to the extent of a dollar's worth of property or the chance of earning a fair day's pay for a fair day's work that the opportunity now presented to the Province shall not be allowed to pass unimproved. And so we plead for a session of the Legislature, whose results shall reflect the progressive spirit abroad among the people and give an impetus to the development of the whole Province.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Considerable uneasiness is felt in some parts of Europe over the increase of the bubonic plague in India, Formosa and some portions of China and the fear is expressed that it may set out on a western march. Europe has suffered so terribly from this awful visitant in times past that the possibility of its spreading to that continent may well cause the utmost precautions to be taken. The most calamitous visitation occurred five and a half centuries ago, when for three years Europe seemed to be given over to destruction. If we may believe the writers of those days, Nature seems to have risen against mankind. Awful earthquakes made great chasms from which issued deadly vapors; the ground was filled with poison so that burrowing animals died in their holes; the water springs in many places were so impregnated with poison that cattle died by thousands; strange sights were seen in the heavens, frightful storms and floods devastated the land, meteors flashed by thousands through the night skies, but, worse than all, the hand of death smote almost every household. Some margin must be allowed in reading the accounts of this period of woe for the exaggeration to which fear and superstition would give rise, but there can be no question that never in historic times has another such calamity befallen the human race. Some of the later historians of this pestilence have estimated that the number of deaths from the plague in Europe, exclusive of Russia, exceeded 25,000,000. The number who perished in the last named country is unknown, but it was enormous. There is no means of approximating the number of victims in Asia, but some light is cast upon it by the fact that in the floods in China, which formed simply one incident of the awful three years, 4,000,000 people perished. All attempts at calculating the number who died during this period of calamity must be dismissed as futile. We only know for certain that from 1347 to 1351 the Black Death held the Old World in its relentless grip. All sorts and conditions of men were among its victims. It spared neither age nor sex. No class was too exalted to escape. The wealthy and the poor suffered alike. Since that time there have been other visitations of the bubonic plague, but none which can in any degree compare with this.

The best authorities believe that the improved sanitary conditions of our day and the later discoveries in medical science will enable a successful resistance to be made to the Black Death if it extends beyond the borders of Asia. In order to be prepared for anything that may happen the French government has sent an agent to China to experiment with the bacillus of the disease, in the hope that a method of inoculation against it may be discovered. As yet there is no reason to suppose that any cases have occurred west of Bombay, although reports to that effect have found currency in the dispatches. It appears that the mortality in Bombay equals about sixty per cent. of the reported cases. This is a much lower average than marked the ravages of the pestilence in Europe and is probably due to the increased skill and knowledge brought to bear upon its treatment. To a certain extent the ports on the Pacific coast of American are exposed to the plague, but fortunately the points at which it can be introduced are few and these can be very easily guarded.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

ON election day our esteemed evening contemporary expressed its surprise at the COLONIST'S remarks in regard to the introduction of Dominion politics into the municipal contest, which it said had led many persons, who had intended to cast their votes for Messrs. McCandless, McGregor and Kinsman, to vote for Messrs. Macmillan, Riddell and Dwyer. This being so, it would be interesting to know how many votes the latter gentlemen would have had if these "many persons" had voted as they originally intended. In order that the public may be informed of the real political strength of the gentlemen in question, without the unexpected reinforcement due to the COLONIST'S statement, our contemporary ought to tell us how many persons were influenced as it alleges. In view of the fact that their average vote was under 400, one is curious to learn how they ever expected to be elected under normal conditions.

MR. BECKLES WILLSON, the special commissioner to Canada of the London Daily Mail, has had exceptionally good opportunities for judging of the people of the Dominion, and when he states, as he did to-day to the COLONIST, that from ocean to ocean he found the people animated with confidence in bright days to come, he gives testimony which will be read with delight. Mr. Willson says the enthusiasm is confined to no class, but is manifest in every department of industry. This is as good a report as Canadians could wish any one to send to England. Confidence begets confidence.

"THE Silver Streak" which separates the white cliffs of Dover from France is not to be pierced by a tunnel after all, but the coal mines which lie beneath the waters of the channel will be exploited instead. But what guarantee have we that the coal mines may not be worked from the French side also and that some day the miners of both countries may not shake hands in the middle of the No Man's land which lies below the sea?

THE Columbian wants some one to tell it "just how many Crow's Nest-Kootenay and Kootenay-Coast railway schemes there are in the air at present." In view of the anxiety of so many people to construct these roads, how would it do for the province to ask for bids specifying how much of a bonus they will give for the privilege of building either or both of them?

Senator Sherman, who is to be McKinley's Secretary of State, says that the incoming American administration will not interfere in Cuba in any way, but will leave Spain to apply to the island the programme of government reforms already decided upon by the Canovas ministry. This is the severest blow that the hopes of the insurgents have ever received.

THE pastoral letter, to be read to-day in the churches within the diocese of Quebec, deals with the Manitoba school question in a very diplomatic way. There is no abandonment by the church authorities of the position which they have taken, but they have been careful to avoid placing themselves in an attitude of political hostility to the civil powers.

THE Spokane Chronicle draws attention to the great lack of milch cows in West Kootenay and expresses the hope that they will be shipped in from the Coast, as there are at present none too many in Eastern Washington.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

In the province of Ontario letters of incorporation have been refused to parties desirous of forming a company, on the ground that no mining claim was actually owned by those seeking incorporation. This in itself may seem insignificant, and yet when it is looked into it really strikes the key-note to the whole company promoting business.—Midway Advance.

To be candid, the Nor'-Wester trusts that the Senate will reject the arbitration treaty. This it hopes, not because it has any objection to the principle of arbitration, but because the treaty has been rushed through without sufficient regard being paid to Canadian interests.—Winnipeg Nor'-Wester.

Men seem to see that there are glaring errors in municipal matters somewhere, and, after they have proved by experience that nothing is to be gained by a mere swapping of men, they may be ready for the real work of insisting upon reform in the system.—New Westminster Columbian.

It would be difficult to point out in what particular Mr. Beaven has not carried out the programme on which he was elected last year, so far as he was permitted to do so by the council.—News-Advertiser.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

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"What's that noise?" "That's my latest boy. Just came to town." "What's he making all that noise about?" "Why, that's his inaugural bawl."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He—What was the object of Mrs. Elmore changing the furnishings of her dining-room? She—To harmonize with the new cook's dresses.—Buffalo Times.

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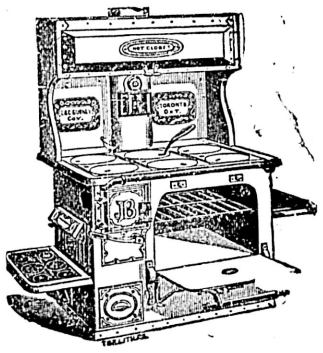

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THE CITY.

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THE first meeting of the new city school board is to be held on Wednesday next at 4 p.m.

THE Philharmonic Club will give another of their pleasant socials on Monday evening, January 25.

A LARGE audience attended the Saturday night concert at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, and, as usual, enjoyed themselves. To-day, instead of the men's meeting at 4 o'clock, there will be an open meeting, with singing by the Metropolitan Methodist church choir, led by Mr. Clement Rowlands.

IRRESPECTIVE of party, persuasion or creed, all British subjects are becoming in the question of Imperial federation. Rev. Dr. Lucas, who has gone round the world, and visited many and distant parts of our great Empire, will lecture on the subject, Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., in A.O.U.W. hall. Lieut.-Governor Dewdney is to preside, and several leading citizens will occupy seats on the platform.

NEWS was conveyed to the city yesterday by telegram of the death of the wife of Capt. I. W. Lees, chief of the detective force of San Francisco. The deceased lady was one of the pioneers of the Bay City, and was loved and esteemed by a large circle of friends. She leaves a husband and two children —F. W. Lees, license collector, of San Francisco, and Mrs. E. A. Leigh. The deceased was also related to Mrs. G. F. D. Simpson, of this city.

NOTICE has been given in the British Columbia Gazette by Mr. A. St. G. Hammersley of an application to be made at the approaching session of the legislature for the incorporation of a railway from Bedlington to Nelson, and also a railway from Fort Steele to Golden. Another railway, of which notice is given by Mr. A. S. Black, is proposed to run from the south of Christina lake westerly towards Carson City, also northerly up the North Fork of Kettle river to Greenwood, and thence to Midway and Penticton.

THE great attraction at the Fifth Regiment band concert last night was the delightful singing of Mrs. C. A. Keesing, of San Francisco, who very kindly volunteered her assistance to aid the band. She possesses a charming soprano voice of rare sweetness and culture. Mrs. Keesing has sung at Beyront in Wagner's Parsifal, in which, as is well known, only highly trained singers are chosen to take part. Her singing was highly appreciated by the large audience last night, and the playing of the band was quite up to the usual good standard.

TAXATION OF IRELAND.

Will Be the Leading Feature of the Speech From the Throne in England.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—It is understood that to no part of the Queen's speech, which will be read at the opening of parliament, was more consideration devoted than to the question of referring to the Irish taxation agitation and to the form of reference in which it should be decided to mention the matter. Leading Unionist members of both houses have been sounded as the best course for the government to take. The final draft of the speech will be decided upon for Thursday, and will be signed by the Queen in council at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the day after. The opinion in ministerial circles is that if the subject of Irish financial reform be mentioned at all, it will be an indirect allusion in connection with the government's measure for the constitution of a board of agriculture in Ireland. This bill, which was fully prepared months ago, has been before the cabinet for revision and is to be redrafted, a significant fact, suggesting some important changes in its provisions.

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WHO KNOWS BEST,

Captain Balcom or the "Evening Times" as to Captain Balcom's Business?

The COLONIST Friday morning told its readers how some at least of the sealers propose to give Eastern Indian hunters a trial during the present season, and what manner of men these Mic-mac spearmen are that it is intended to introduce.

The COLONIST yesterday morning told its readers what the skippers of several of the fleet have to say in regard to the not-impracticable project, and how it is proposed to settle the Eastern red men when they shall have been brought to this Coast.

Then the Times awoke as from a trance, and adopting its customary courteous method of acknowledging itself beaten in the race for news, declared itself. "We heard that long ago," it said in effect, "but we didn't think it worth publishing. If we had published it first it would have been news. We didn't—so it's a fake, a sell, a scheme to rob the poor wretched Siwash, a lie—in fact everything that is untrue and contemptible with dashes and exclamation points added."

That was in the afternoon.

The Times had been out an hour or so when the COLONIST received the following letter:

MR. EDITOR:—Regarding the Mic-mac story as published in the Times issue of to-night, we beg to say that since, notwithstanding the low prices realized at the London sales, the West Coast Indians demanded the exorbitant price of $4 per skin, we fully intend to look for skilled Indian labor in the Maritime provinces, and we so advised your reporter.

SPROTT BALCOM,
H. F. SIEWERD.

Victoria, Jan. 16, 1897.

Of course the Times pursuing its favorite method of argument is expected to reply that Captains Balcom and Siewerd don't know anything of what they are talking about. But the general public will undoubtedly know which to believe.

The question is simply, which knows most about Capt. Balcom's business, Capt. Balcom or the Times? Who knows best what Capt. Siewerd is going to do, Capt. Siewerd or the Times?

Under present arrangements the two captains are only awaiting the results of the Hudson Bay sales, taking place to-morrow, before starting for the East.

It may interest the Times to know that Capt. Kelly is another Nova Scotia man who differs from them in regard to the practicability of bringing out Mic-mac seal hunters.

"I know them well," he said last evening. "They are the best boatmen and spearmen I've ever seen, and I should like none better on my schooner. I don't believe there are any Indians on this coast that would do as good work as the Mic-macs in seal hunting."

A FAVORITE FIZZ.

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Ruinart Pere & Fils	9,363
Louis Roederer	8,360
Perrier-Jouet	8,223
Geo. Goulet	4,985
Ernest Irroy & Co.	3,257
Delbeck & Co	2,374
Bouche, Fils & Co	2,162
A. De Montebello & Co.	1,806
St. Marceaux	1,338
Various brands (15 or more)	14,907
Total	227,307

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AT St. Andrew's R.C. cathedral, yesterday morning, Mr. John Webb, of North Bend, and Miss Connelly, of the same pretty little mountain town, were joined in marriage by Rev. Father Nicolaye. Miss Connelly, a sister, supported the bride, and Mr. Max Leiser filled the responsible office of "best man."

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BUSINESS IS WAITING

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While Victoria and her sister cities of the Coast are bending their energies to the task of securing direct railway communication with the rich Kootenays, the residents of that much-talked-of part of the world are not unmindful of the benefits that they would derive from the building and operation of such a road. Direct testimony to this effect is borne by Messrs. Ralph Smaile and T. McDonnell, who have just arrived from the Boundary district as delegates to the Capital from the Greenwood City Mining and Commercial Association. They speak, they say, for several thousand miners who are now actively developing the Boundary country, when they state that should the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern railway become an accomplished fact the road will have all the freight for the Coast that it can handle in the form of ores from their section, which at the present time find a market at the Tacoma and Everett smelters, after long and expensive forwarding by pack animals and wagon road to Marcus. The delegates from Greenwood City deny the existence of any formidable engineering difficulties, and assert that coming into their section by way of Hope and the Similkameen (where it will incidentally open up a new and promising mineral area) the road would have fewer and less significant obstacles to surmount than any of the Western sections of the Canadian Pacific. Mr. Heinze's projected road, the Columbia & Western, which is the alternative hope of the Boundary district people, would not, it is said, bring them in touch with the West as they desire. It would enter their especial territory by Grand Forks, following the north branch of Kettle river almost to Brown's Camp, then striking westward by Pass Creek, running between Summit and Pass Creek camps, down Eholt creek, through Providence and Smith's camps—including the towns of Greenwood City, Anaconda and Boundary Falls, to Midway—from which point it would find its way to its ultimate destination, Penticton, either by Rock creek and the famous Camp McKinney or by the Kettle river.

While this road would solve the problem confronting Boundary as to the immediate improve of transportation facilities, it would not entirely satisfy them —for they fear that it might get no further than Rock creek, and thus divert their entire trade eastward. Messrs. Smaile and McDonnell hope to do effective missionary work in behalf of a western connection before leaving the Coast; they have also interviewed the C.P.R. authorities with reference to the improvement of the wagon road from Penticton and will ask the government to open up a wagon road through to facilitate the getting in of supplies and machinery. At present the trails constructed through the individual enterprise of prospectors are the only avenues of communication in the district. It is expected that Mr. Robt. Wood, the owner of the Greenwood City townsite, will reach Victoria this evening, in which event the three gentlemen will interview the government to-morrow.

In illustration of the amount of business awaiting a railway from the coast, Mr. McDonnell points out that there are now several thousand mining men at work within a radius of bat fifteen miles of Greenwood City, upwards of a thousand claims being recorded during 1896 alone. The ore is of remarkably diversified character, profitable in both gold, silver and copper. The Summit, Greenwood and Deadwood camps show ore rich in these three metals; the Copper camp, further to the west, has a large body of the metal from which it takes its name, with little of the white or the yellow; the Wellington and Brown's camps—the latter well to the north of the district—have ore much the same as the Greenwood. At Evans' camp is found particularly fine ore in combination of gold and copper; while at Long Lake camp are quartz leads varying in width from one foot to three and a half feet, very high grade ore with gold leading. The Kimberley—the newest camp of all—has ore of all kinds; as also have several camps on Boundary creek. The Providence camp, containing the first locations in the immediate district, contains more than a few claims that have already shipped to a profit, including the pioneer claim—the Providence.

Here, too, are found the eight claims of the British Columbia Mining and Milling Company, the D. A. being a high grade proposition which has demonstrated its value its value with a sample shipment of four odd tons to the Everett smelter, upon which, after paying all the heavy freight, railway and smelter charges, a profit remained of $110 to the ton. The G. A. R. has also got shipping ore—and there are others.

The Central, White's and Douglas' camps again show a variety of mixed ores, the Lincoln claim, in White's camp, having been a pioneer shipper, sending out ore at a profit as long ago as in 1892, although the packing to Marcus involved a cost of $250 a ton.

Low grade ore of course predominates, but in such vast body and so well placed as to be decidedly valuable. The country is mineralized, to use the old familiar expression of the prospector, "from the grass roots down," and the railway is the one thing needed to double the population within a year and make every claim owner a rich man.

Of course some of the ore is high grade —very high—the Providence camp showing numerous rich leads all the way from 6 inches to 12 feet wide; while the Skylark, in the camp of the same name, has quite an interesting history as a money maker. It was bonded some time ago from John Douglas and James Atwood, the original owners, by Howard C. Walters, of Spokane, and for six consecutive months that gentleman mined from the paystreak, the ore averaging 300 ounces silver and 1½ ounces gold. This was packed out to Grand Prairie, 16 miles away, thence shipped by wagon to Marcus, 45 miles further on, and from there forwarded to the Tacoma smelter by rail, the transportation expenses to the railway point being alone a charge upon the ore of $30 a ton. Yet it paid, and paid handsomely. Finally Mr. Walter's men lost the lead, and coming to the conclusion that the paystreak had been worked out, that gentleman abandoned the bond; the original owners had little difficulty in recovering the lead and afterwards selling the claim for $15,000.

Silver ore running as high as 1,600 ounces is nothing at all uncommon in this favored neighborhood, while on the other hand there is, of course, much that would have to be treated by smelter at home, for which a railway would bring in the necessary machinery and supplies. The country itself is rich in coking coal and the variety of ores provide all necessary fluxes.

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PROMISE OF PLEASURE.

A Military Ball to Delight Society During the Present Season—Notes of the Week.

A movement is on foot to have a grand military ball at the drill hall in the course of a month or so. As it some time since an event of this kind, under these auspices, took place, considerable interest is manifest in it, more particularly as the last affair was such a pronounced success.

The Royal School of Instruction will be organized on the 1st inst., and men (as well as N.C.O.'s) would do well to hand in their names immediately, so that in case of vacancies they may be able to join the school. The last school was most beneficial to all who took part, and in the hands of the staff of instruction from the R.M.A. a course is not only profitable but exceedingly pleasant.

The following promotion has been made in No. 2 company: To be bombadier, Gr. Thomas Bradbury, vice Bom'r. J. E. Martin, who reverts at his own request.

A battalion parade has been ordered by Lieut.-Col. Gregory for Wednesday, the 20th inst., for drill and for the presentation of the general efficiency cups. Drill order—staff and band will attend.

Something in the way of good conduct stripes would be an advantageous way of acknowledging long service and faithful attendance at drill in the local companies. Some years ago time-expired men who re-entered, were awarded a stripe for each period of three years' service performed. At present there are quite a number in the First battalion who are entitled to at least a double decoration.

The local military photographers—Flemming Bros., Government street—have lately produced some excellent pictures of the N.C.O.'s of the First and also of the champion field gun detachment of No. 1 company.

A salute will be fired by the field guns at the opening of the local house on the 8th of February.

The work done by the citizen soldiers is at last meeting with some little amount of appreciation on the part of the public men of Victoria. The days when a volunteer felt in deference to public opinion that the back-streets route was the proper road to the drill shed is gone. The proposal to exempt militia men from the poll tax is a measure of justice which has been only too long denied.

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When your blood is pure, rich and nourishing for nerves and muscles. The blood is the vital fluid, and when it is poor, thin and impure you must either suffer from some distressing disease or you will easily fall a victim to sudden changes, exposure, or overwork. Keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be well

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of B.C., will be held in Victoria on Friday, the 29th day of January, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

T. G. EARL, President.
ja6-d-w A. H. B. MACGOWAN, Secretary.

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Reasons for asking you to support local industries are:—First—We employ local labor; we buy the best selected local fruit; we use B.C. sugar, and our packages are made in B.C. We employ at different times from 15 to 40 hands, and with the Select Fruit, Cane Sugar and Skilled Labor,

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MID-WINTER SPORTS.

The Y. M. C. A. Score the Second Victory in the Intermediate Championship Series.

Rugby Men in Fine Fettle—The Golfers Enjoy a Perfect Afternoon.

The second match in the intermediate cup tie series between the Victoria Columbias and the Y.M.C.A.'s was played at Beacon Hill yesterday, in the presence of numerous spectators, the Y.M.C.A.'s winning. W. York, their captain, won the toss and H. Dier at once kicked off for the Columbias. W. Noot promptly secured, however, and passed to his brother, who passed to L. York, on left wing, the latter centring well. Kinsman saved, and the ball was sent down the field. Hunter and H. Wilson on left wing for Columbias did good work, showing fine combination, and after about twenty minutes play the Y.M.C.A.'s scored, no other goal being taken until half time was called.

In the second half the game became faster, the Y.M.C.A. half-backs supporting their forwards better, while the Columbias showed even finer combination than in the first half. There was little play in centre, it being an end to end game. In this half the Y. M. C. A.'s again scored. For the rest of the game neither side scored, but Kinsman and Lorimer, the respective goalkeepers, had plenty of work. At the call of time the score stood 2 to 0.

The game was a remarkably close one, the Columbias showing the effect of their practice. In the defeated team it would be unfair to particularize, as every player put up a fine game; but the playing of Hunter and Wilson on left wing was as fine an exhibition of combination forward work as has been seen at Beacon Hill for some time. The goalkeepers of each team played good games, while Berkeley, Marpole and Siddall, for the Columbia's, and Scott, for the Y.M.C.A.'s, showed up well among the half-backs. Mr. R. Livingstone gave satisfaction to all by his quick and impartial decisions.

WHIST.

The James Bay Athletic Association and the Conservative Club engaged in a very enjoyable game of whist at the latter's rooms on Friday evening, when after a close contest the James Bays proved themselves victors by a score of 53 to 47 games, the contest closing at 2 o'clock in the morning. Here is the score;

J. B. A. A.

	Won.	Lost.
C. L. Wark A. C. Anderson	5	5
J. H. Austin C. E. Bailey	7	3
R. W. Clarke W. L. B. Young	3	7
J. K. Macrae W. I. Scott	5	5
J. M. Miller F. S. Widdowson	4	6
A. J. Dallain C. Fletcher	5	5
J. H. Lawson F. J. Hutcheson	7	3
D. O'Sullivan J. C. Scott	7	3
A. H. Finlaison A. R. Wolfenden	5	5
F. A. Gowen E. M. Haynes	5	5
Total	53	47

CONSERVATIVE CLUB.

	Won.	Lost.
R. Jamieson H. E. A. Robertson	4	6
H. G. Dalby J. Denny	5	5
A. Wakelley F. Ross	2	8
A. J. Walkley A. Heathorn	4	6
T. Black F. F. Morgan	5	5
T. A. Kerr F. Mahoney	4	6
C. Piper W. J. L. Hamilton	6	4
G. S. Williams J. A. Wilson	3	7
A. S Potts E. J. Thain	7	3
H. H. McDonald W. Snider	7	3
Total	47	53

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THE CLUB AGAIN SCORES.

Yesterday afternoon the Victoria Rugby Football Club added another victory to their unbroken record for this season by defeating the Fifth Regiment on a score of 21 points to nil. The match was witnessed by a fair gathering, but the ground was not in condition conducive to good play, being in many places nearly ankle deep in water and slush. The Victoria club had not the full strength of their first team, Wilson, Langley and Spain being absent, but the position of the former in the three-quarter line was filled by Petticrew, whose place at full back was taken by A. Goward, Earsman and Innes taking the place of the other absentees in the forward division. The team of the Regiment had also been changed since their last appearance, being strengthened by the addition of Pinder at half-back, and a marked improvement was shown in the play of their forwards. The ball was kicked off by Miller, the captain of the Victoria team, and in a very short time the first try was scored by Petticrew from a pass from Scholefield, the kick at goal, however, being unsuccessful. The second try for the Victorias was obtained by Scholefield after a neat, combined play, in which Miller and Gamble took part, and the first goal was scored by Haines, who this time took the place kick. Gamble scored the third try by cleverly anticipating the ball from a throw in from the touch line, and another goal was added to the score by Petticrew by a splendid kick from a difficult position close to the touch line. At half time the Victorias had therefore scored 13 points, and upon play being resumed the forwards of the regimental team succeeded in carrying the ball down to their opponents twenty-five. The Victorias promptly retaliated, and in turn carried it to the other end of the field, where their forwards by a combined rush forced it over the line, and Atkins falling upon it scored the fourth try for Victoria. Before "no side" was called a fifth try was obtained by Scholefield and another goal added to the score by A. Goward. Mr. R. E. Billinghurst acted as referee. On Saturday next the Victoria club will meet their old rivals the Hornets, of Nanaimo, and all lovers of the game are anticipating the most interesting match of the season.

GOLF.

GOOD SCORES THE RULE.

The invitation tournament given by Mr. and Mrs. Burton on the links of the Victoria Golf Club at Oak Bay yesterday afternoon was a pronounced success. Although just about the time the tournament was arranged to begin a Scotch drizzle, which would have done credit to St. Andrews links, set in, the clerk of the weather repented his original design and a fine golf afternoon succeeded. Thirty couples took part in the handicap foursomes for the very handsome prizes given by Mr. and Mrs. Burton. Afterwards the contestants crowned victory or alleviated defeat by enjoying the tea which Mrs. Burton provided for their refreshment. The match was over a course of 14 holes with the following result:

Mrs. F. Barnard and Lieut. H. W. Gordon	92	12	80
Mrs. W. Langley and C. M. Roberts	90	7	83
Miss Cornwall and Major A. W. Jones	94	10	84
Miss Hathaway and Col. F. Rawstorne	98	13	85
Miss Eva Loewen and H. B. Rogers	100	9	91
Mrs. W. A. Ward and C. B. Stahlschmidt	99	7	92
Miss Harvey and H. Samson	105	13	92
Mrs. Rawstorne and O. H. Van Millingen	94	scratch	94
Miss Drake and Capt. Richardson	100	2	108
Miss N. Prior and R. Cassidy	118	19	99
Miss Aspland and S. F. Morley	112	13	99
Miss Keefer and C. C. Worsfold	111	5	106
Mrs. Bell and L. C. Barff	133	20	113
Miss B. Foster and G. S. Holt	130	15	115
Miss Brady and W. E. Oliver	104	4	100
Miss M. Drake and Dr. Bell	108	7	101
Miss K. Davie and W. A. Ward	112	8	104
Miss N. Powell and F. J. O'Reilly	123	19	104
Mrs. Wolley and Major Wolley	136	20	116
Miss Allison and Lieut.-Gov. Dewdney	139	20	119
Miss S. Pemberton and A.P. Luxton	102	7	95
Miss M. Cornwall and W. J. Beaven	107	12	95
Miss D. Loewen and G. H. Barnard	120	15	105
Miss Beaven and A. J. C. Galletly	126	20	106
Miss M. Dunsmuir and B. H. Drake	102	15	87
Mrs. Combe and H. Combe	80	*8	88
Mrs. Marquis and F. C. Gamble	108	19	89
Miss Emma Loewen and C. J. Prior	101	7	94
Miss N. Drake and W. H. Langley	103	9	94

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IN THE FOOTLIGHT'S FLARE.

Leonard Grover and His Company to Close To-Morrow—"The New Dazzler."

The Grover company had large and appreciative audiences at both afternoon and evening performances yesterday, when their strongest play perhaps, "Cad the Tomboy," was the bill. It abounds in humor of high quality, and also afforded Mr. Leonard Glover opportunity to introduce a little first-class specialty work, in which he is an artist. To-morrow evening the company bid farewell to Victoria in the strong, old-time drama, "The White Slave," the foundation of Bartley Campbell's fame, and in connection with which his name and personality is inseparably identified. The play is said to offer Miss May Noble an opportunity for her best work. The epoch of the drama lies in the days of slavery, before the civil war. The story is of a white girl, who, through circumstances, is sold into bondage. Her master seeks her ruin; there are some powerful dramatic scenes, a steamboat explosion, a sale of the slaves, jubilee and plantation songs and dances, alternating sorrow, pathos and mirth. Several members of the company are said to evidence intense dramatic strength.

Clever comedians, pretty girls, good voices and nimble heels, is the combination promised by Cosgrove & Grant, in their new version of "The Dazzler," which will be seen at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week. The piece has been entirely rewritten and is now a clever comedy with a coherent story, a humorous plot and many bright situations. A German brewer, who has money to burn, determines, after long urging by his high-spirited and ambitious daughter, to go to Europe and purchase a title, and incidentally get rid of his name, Wurtzberger Ratz, which has become a burden to him, through the jokes of the boys. During an evening at Koster & Bial's, just before his departure to the other side, he takes a little too much wine, and getting acquainted with Kitty Starlight, a concert hall singer, he promises her $20,000 to start out a troup of her own. The next day he repents of all this, but he is followed to Europe by the singer, and also by a tramp who knows of the circumstances, and between the two they lead him a merry dance. Other characters in the piece are the business manager of the Dazzler, a steamship captain, and a bevy of young girls who are learning the mysteries of housekeeping in a modern cooking school. The dialogue is interspersed with solos, duets, medleys and choruses.

Joseph Grismer and Phoebe Davies, old friends and favorites with Victoria theatre-goers, are now on their way North from California, under the management of the veteran Sam Thall, and are booked for the Victoria on Monday and Tuesday nights, January 25 and 26, when they will present for the first time here Sutton Vane's English drama "Humanity," which played for six months at the Adelphi theatre, London, Eng., under the title of "For England." It will be placed upon the stage here with all the original scenery, mechanical effects, horses and fox-hounds, which aided towards its success during its ten weeks' run at the Academy of Music, in New York city.

New goods coming in all the time at Weiler Bros.; fine line of Crossley's tapestry carpets just received. x

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Notice is hereby given that the special general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company, which was held at the head office, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, December 7th, 1896, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of disposing of the whole of the assets, is adjourned until January 20th, 1897 at the same hour and place.

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W. H. ELLIS,
de18 Secretary-Treasurer.

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The sale of this property has been postponed till THURSDAY, the 4th day of FEBRUARY, 1897, at 12 noon.

Dated this 6th day of January, A.D. 1897.

ja7 *JOSHUA DAVIES.*

TENDERS.

Dry Goods Business For Sale.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 1st day of February next, for the purchase of the stock-in-trade, furniture, fixtures and good-will of the late W. Craft, situate at No. 93 Douglas street, Victoria. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further particulars apply to.

W. G. CAMERON, Executor.
ja1 55 Johnson Street.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for house, outbuildings, (with two or four lots to suit purchaser) up to 30th January. Apply Wm. Radford, "Radcroft," Oak Bay avenue. de25

NOTICES.

[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Monday, the Eighth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 29th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

By command.
JAMES BAKER,
de31 Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.

Assessment Act.

Adjourned sittings of the Court of Revision and Appeal will be holden as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria South and Esquimalt, at 46 Langley Street, Victoria, on Friday, January 8th, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, at 46 Langley Street, Victoria, on Saturday, January 9th, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the City of Victoria, at 46 Langley Street, Victoria, on Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th of January, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

CORNELIUS BOOTH,
Assessor.
Victoria, December 28th, 1896. de31

Legislative Assembly.

Private Bills.

NOTICE.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on Monday, the 22nd day of February, 1897.

Bills must be presented on or before the 1st day of March, 1897.

Reports from the Standing Committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 8th day of March, 1897.

If any of the Rules above referred to are suspended, the promoters of all Bills taking the benefit of such suspension of said Rules, will be required to pay double fees.

Authority to act as Parliamentary Agent during the session may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1897.

THORNTON FELL,
ja13 Clerk Legislative Assembly.

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA,
de16 Solicitor for the Applicants.

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
49 Langley street, Victoria, B.C.
no25 Solicitor for the Administrator.

CANADIAN PACIFIC NAVIGATION COMPANY LTD.

Seven Per Cent. Debentures.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the conditions upon which the abovenamed debentures were issued, a drawing of the debentures to be paid off at par on the 15th day of February next, will take place at the Company's office, Wharf Street, Victoria, B.C. on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at 11 a.m.

The numbers of the drawn debentures will be duly advertised for the information of the holders thereof.

F. W. VINCENT,
Secretary.
Wharf Street, Victoria, January 9th, 1897. ja12

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to amend the "Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, Act, 1896," by giving power to the Company to amend its Articles and Memorandum of Association from time to time as the Company may deem necessary.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 29th day of December, A.D., 1896.

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10:30 a.m.	Rossland	3:25 p.m.
9:00 a.m.	Nelson	5:20 p.m.

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THE OATHS OF OFFICE

Formally Administered by Justice Walkem to Victoria's New Mayor and Council.

They Undertake to Faithfully Perform Their Duties Unmindful of Private Interests.

The preliminaries in the case of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Victoria opened yesterday before Mr. Justice Walkem in the Supreme court, yet strange to say the spectacle did not draw a crowd. In fact only a few spectators strolled in to look at the council as they sat in the jury box awaiting the coming of the judge. The presence of the newly chosen representatives of the city in court was not because of any wrong imputed to them; they were there simply to have the oath of office administered, and this ceremony having been disposed of they will be on trial for a whole year, the people's verdict deciding next January whether the council of 1897 have been considered satisfactory by the ratepayers.

Ald. Partridge and Ald. Wilson, the two survivors from last year, sat side by side yesterday, looking pleasant though perhaps with a little twinge of regret as they thought of those who had fallen by the wayside.

Mr. Justice Walkem having taken his seat, City Clerk W. J. Dowler, who acted as master of ceremonies, cast his eye along the ranks to see that no one was missing and then presented the mayor elect, saying:

"Allow me to introduce to your lordship Mr. Charles E. Redfern, Mayor of Victoria."

His lordship and his worship bowed, and then the new mayor read his oath of office, which declared that

"I, Charles E. Redfern, mayor-elect for the city of Victoria, do declare that I am a British subject, possessing the qualifications by law required, and that I am not in any way disqualified from holding the office of mayor of the said city, and I have not, nor will have while holding office, any interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or services connected with the corporation except such as I may lawfully have under the provisions of the "Municipal Clauses Act, 1896," in that behalf. I have not, by myself or any other person knowingly employed any bribery, corruption or intimidation to gain my election, and I will faithfully perform the duites of my office, and will not allow any private interest to influence my conduct in public matters. And I further do solemnly promise and swear, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors. So help me God."

The aldermen of the three wards were all presented in turn and took the oath of office, the wording being almost similar to that of the mayor's.

Mr. Dowler next handed up the seal of the city to Mr. Justioe Walkem, who gave it into the keeping of Mayor Redfern with the observation:

"I have much pleasure in presenting to you the seal of the city, and on congratulating you upon your election, for I think you occupy a very proud position, succeeding as you do a gentleman whose marked ability and honesty you, I believe, when elected, honestly and gracefully admitted yourself."

His Worship accepted the seal, everybody bowed and the little ceremony was at an end.

The new council hold their first meeting to-morrow evening, when Mayor Redfern will deliver his inaugual address and in all probability announce the standing committees for the year. Ald. McGregor is the first of the new board to decorate the bulletin board with a notice of motion, he having yesterday afternoon posted the following resolution:

"That the city assessor shall begin to prepare the assessment roll of the municipality of the city of Victoria on Wednesday, the 20th instant, and shall complete and return the same to the clerk of the municipality on or before Saturday, the 8th day of May next, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Clauses act."

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

Market Spirited and Strong—Saturday's Transactions Larger Than the Recent Full Day Average.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The stock market wound up for the week spirited and strong. The distribution of business was wider and the aggregate transactions were larger in the short session than the recent full day average. The general market closed buoyant at the best prices, showing net gains of 1 and 2 per cent. The closing sales were:

Atchison	14¼
Northwestern	104¾
Northern Pacific	14
" (preferred)	34⅝
Missouri Pacific	23⅛
Ontario & Western	15¼
Canada Southern	45
Wabash	7¼
Western Union	85½
Commercial Cable	165½
C. P. R. in London	58

The New York Financier says this week: New York is now the cheapest money centre in the world, and the statement that clearing house statement of the banks for the week ending January 16 showed a further increase in the surplus reserve of $8,181,075 is an indication that it will remain so for an indefinite period. Up to the first of the present year the New York banks reported a steady increase in loans. From November 7 to January 2, however, they have been less than $49,000,000.

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Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

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Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

HEAD

Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents; five for $1. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail.

CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

BIMETALLISM IN ENGLAND.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, in London—An Important Visit.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The mission of Senator Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado, to Europe, is of absorbing interest to all interested in financial matters. Thus far the senator has been content to sound English feeling rather than expound views, and the dinner which Mr. Henry White, formerly secretary of the United States legation here, gave on January 11 to a number of distingushed people, was an excellent opportunity for him to do so, for among those present were Mr. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury and government leader in the house; the Marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of state for war; Mr. William Court-Gully, speaker of the house of commons; Lord Rothschild and Mr. Henry Asquith, formerly secretary of state for home affairs. The dinner was also a striking example of Mr. White's position in England, as there are few men able to collect such a gathering on short notice. A representative of the Associated Press had a brief talk with Mr. Balfour, who at first was reluctant to say anything on the subject for publication on account of his official position, but remarked, "You can be sure that this is from no lack of interest in the cause. However, you may say this much, I have had great pleasure in meeting Senator Wolcott, and concur in his ideas as far as I have heard them. I am certain his mission will be productive of good results. The cause of bimetallism will derive more from the senator's mission on the continent than in England," adding: "It depends on what ever action the powers of France and Germany take. Senator Wolcott will undoubtedly confer with Emperor William and M. Melin, the French premier."

Lord Rothschild also remarked that he regarded Senator Wolcott as an able man, and continued: "Of coure, we (alluding to his firm) are strict monometallists." His lordship evinced great interest in arbitration. "Will the senate ratify it?" he asked. "I regard it as one of, if not the most, important events of the century. Anthing that tends to bring Anglo-Saxons together will benefit both England and America."

BIOGRAPHY OF THE QUEEN.

The Librarian of Windsor Castle Engaged in Preparing an Important Work.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Richard Holmes, librarian of Windsor Castle, is preparing material for an authoritative "Personal Life of the Queen," to be published this year. The letter press will embrace consideration of Her Majesty's position as first Princess and daughter, then Queen, wife and mother, and her reign and the death of the Prince Consort. The writer has been authorized to correct certain inaccurate statements frequently made regarding the Queen's childhood, education and the early years on the throne. The Queen, herself, is examining the manuscript, and the entire text and illustrations will be submitted to her. The frontispiece of the famous miniature portrait of Her Majesty by Robert Thorburne. Other illustrations include plates direct from original paintings by many well known and several unknown portraits of the Queen.

SWEPT OUT ON AN ICE FLOE.

Between Thirty and Forty Men Carried Into an Inland Sea—Their Lives in Imminent Danger.

MARINETTE, Wis., Jan. 16.—Between 30 and 40 men were swept out into the lake on an ice-floe yesterday afternoon. At 1:30 p.m. a strong gale sprung up and the ice in the bay suddenly, and without warning, began to move out. Within ten minutes there was a wide space between the moving ice and the shore. A number of fishermen were seen running hither and thither on the fast moving ice, frantically signalling for help. At 2 o'clock two boats were manned and an attempt made to sail with the wind and reach the moving ice-floe.

The danger to the fishermen is much worse than at first supposed. The ice broke about a mile and a half from shore and is now over four miles away. The worst feature is that the sheet of ice that is taking them away is no more than three inches in thickness, and if a heavy wind should break it every man would drown before help could reach them. One large boat and several smaller ones are now in pursuit of the moving ice. One of the boats has returned. She saw no sign of the ice or men. It is hoped that the men were able to land on Green island. Nine men are known to be missing thus far.

At a late hour last night nothing had been heard from the missing fishermen. Estimates of the number of men on the ice-floe vary, some saying that fully 40 men were carried out into the lake, but careful inquiry reveals but nine men missing. The wind is blowing 30 miles an hour, and carries on a zero temperature an occasional snow squall. The men are clad only in the none too heavy clothing worn while tending their nets, and unless the ice-floe has been blown against Chambers island, or Green island, there is little possibility that they will live through the night. The doomed men are residents of the little fishing village of Menakaunee, and their wives and children and neighbors are anxiously spending the night on the mountains of ice that fringe the beach.

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THE TOWN OF GRAND FORKS Has sprung into existence within the last year; early in the spring the place consisted of a few houses. Owing to the rapid opening of the Mines and the travel and traffic consequent on between 4,000 and 6,000 claims having been located, there are now estimated to be over 200 houses and 500 people residing in the town. The principal buildings consist of a three-story and several two-story Hotels, General Stores, Butchers, Bakers, Post Office, The Grand Forks Miner Newspaper Office, Brewery, Assembly Rooms, &c., &c., and all the usual Dry Goods, Millinery, Furniture and other businesses, which with several fine dwellings go to make up a busy town. Surveyors, Lawyers, Assayers, Real Estate Agents, Share and Mine Brokers are now established in business in this place.

AN APPLICATION Is now pending to the Provincial Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, and notices given of two separate Private Bills for Water, Electric Light and Power Companies, also Telephone, Water, etc. All in connecction with and to supply the Town of Grand Forks and Suburbs.

LOTS OF 25X120 FEET Are now selling in the Townsite as at present laid out at prices from **$250 to $550.** These lots run about 14 to the acre.

Suburban Five-Acre Blocks

Equal to about 70 Townsite Lots, will be offered for sale on Most Reasonable Terms and at prices which are less per acre than the price of a single Townsite Lot.

This Sale will Commence on Thursday, the 14th January, 1897,

and affords opportunity for investment in property in a District now universally acknowledged as the coming Mining Centre of the Province.

These Blocks are Adapted for Residences, Orchards or Future Subdivision.

OF THE FUTURE PROSPECTS Of the District, but few words are necessary. Three Lines of Railway are projected to and through this property. The Spokane Falls & Northern are reported to be ready to build in the spring; the Columbia & Western Line, as may be seen at the Lands and Works Office, is projected through the land; The People's Line from the Coast also passes this point, and the C.P.R. Surveyors have run lines through the land during the past year.

A POWERFUL MINING & SMELTING CO. Report their intention of building a **500-Ton Smelter** in the close proximity of this land, and the owners have been applied to for a site for this purpose. Such an industry is warranted from the fact that the Great Volcanic Mine, said to be the largest deposit of copper gold ore now known, purposes to smelt the product of their mine at this point. The Projected Roads make it the most convenient receiving and shipping point, and a leading Bank is said to be about to open an Agency, as the employment of the requiaed labor will circulate a no small sum of money each month.

Maps of the District, Subdivision Maps, etc., can be seen and all information as to Prices and Terms obtained on application to

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Iron, Steel, Mill and Mining Supplies, Agricultural Machinery and Implements, Wagons, Buggies and Carts,

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Branches of this Bank are now open at Sandon and Kaslo, B.C.

Savings Bank Department.

Deposits received from $1 upwards, and interest allowed (present rate) at *3 PER CENT. PER ANNUM.*

Gold dust purchased and every description of Banking Business transacted.

Victoria, B.C., November, 1896. GEO. GILLESPIE, Manager.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 136th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a railway of standard or narrow guage from a point on the Stickeen river to a point on or near Dease Lake, in the District of Cassiar, with power to extend to the northern and eastern confines of British Columbia, and to construct and operate branch lines, and telegraph and telephone lines, and to construct and maintain wharves, docks, warehouses, and to expropriate lands for the above purposes, together with all other usual, necessary or incidental powers in the premises.

DUMBLETON & INNES,
Solicitors and Agents for Applicants.
Victoria, B.C., January, 1897. ja8

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of acquiring mining rights over unoccupied parts of the Cottonwood river, Cariboo District, and the banks thereof between the points A and B on a plan in the possession of the undersigned; also to divert the water from portions of the bed of said river, and to take, use, appropriate and divert the waters of said Cottonwood river, and of Swift river, Lightning Creek and Chislom Creek, or any tributaries of the same, and to build flumes and lay pipes, and to supply said water for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, electrical, domestic and other purposes, and for other powers and privileges incidental or conducive to the aforesaid objects

Dated this 30th day of December, 1896.

ja1 P. C. DUNLEVY.

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THE THERMOMETER.

ESQUIMALT STATION, Jan. 16, 1897.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	34	Mean 37	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	35		
9 a.m..	63	Highest 41	5 a.m.—Calm.
1 p.m.	40		1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p.m..	38	Lowest 34	9 p.m.—Calm.
9 p.m..	38		Rain—0.2.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
No Sun.

Barometer 9 a.m... {Observed ..... 30,190 {Reduced 30,186

E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer ISLANDER from Vancouver—H Harris and wife, R Beauchamp, A McDermott, John B Wilson, Miss Rennie, C E Green, C N Davidson, Miss Sharp, R A Pounder and Chas Grundy.

Per steamer ROSALIE from the Sound—Ed Kelly, F B Williams, Capt Lloyd, G W Ashford, C Carkeek and C Jones.

Per steamer KINGSTON from the Sound—J M Whaten, R W Clinton, D Clinton, R Wiggins, P B Ireland, J Keating, B Cook, Mrs Keating and P Pomroy.

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CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer ISLANDER from Vancouver—E, F F C, H K, L W, S W, T S, Y C, Beaty & Co, C H Bowes, G C Hinton, Geo Powell, Humphrey & P, Vic Lumber Co and Dom Exp Co.

Per steamer ROSALIE from the Sound—L Glover, W H Perry and Shallcross, Macaulay & Co.

Per steamer KINGSTON from the Sound—Joseph Freel, Gilmore & McCandless, Vaio & Brooks, Hudson's Bay Co, Ellis & Given, R P Rithet & Co, Ltd, P McQuade & Son, F R Stewart, J D Brown, E. J Rae and The Times.

Per steamer CITY OF PUEBLA from San Francisco—Albion Iron Works, Brackman & Ker, C P N Co, C Tistler, D H Ross & Co, E B Marvin & Co, E G Prior & Co, Erskine Wall & Co, Excelsior Brewery, F R Stewart, G Farmone, G Hickey, H Ferrall, J & A Clearihue, John Barnsley & Co, J H Todd, Keoch & Co, Langley & Henderson Bros, Luch Kee, M A Levy, M Bantley, M Strouss, P McQuade & Son, P Gable, R P Rithet & Co, Simon Leiser & Co, Stemler & Earle, J E Davidson, Thos Bradbury, Thos Shaw, Thos McMilly, Vic Steam Laundry, C S Phillips, Winch & Bower, Weiler Bros, Wilson Bros, W J Pendry, W M Goodchild, Yuen Lung and Wells Fargo & Co.

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PERSONAL.

Captain H. H. Loyd came over from Seattle by the Rosalie yesterday.

J. S. Phinney, Chicago, and S. F. Marshall, Duluth, are at the Driard.

R. J. Horton and wife leave for San Francisco by to-day's direct steamer.

G. W. Clinton, paymaster of the Union Colliery Company, is at the New England.

G. W. Ashford, of Portland, arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest at the Driard.

J. A. Cundall and daugnters will be passengers for California by the Walla Walla, sailing to-day.

G. H. Livingston, of Tacoma, and Ralph Smailes and T. McDonnell, delegates of the Greenwood City Mining and Commercial association, are guests at the New England.

Bank Exchange Menu.

Sunday, Jan. 17, 1897. 50 cents.

SOUP.

Chicken Rice. Consomme.
Mulligatawny.

RELISHES.

Celery. Pickled Dill Onions.

FISH.

Boiled Salmon, Lobster Sauce.
Fried Cod, Tartar Sauce.

BOILED.

Ox Tongue, Mayonnaise Sauce.

ENTREES.

Oyster Patties. Lamb Chop, Green Peas.
Salmi of Duck and Olives.
Broiled Chicken on Toast, Mushroom Sauce.

SALADS.

Shrimp Mayonnaise.

ROAST.

Prime Beef and Horseradish.
Stuffed Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
Rolled Lamb, Mint Sauce.

VEGETABLES.

String Beans. Cream Corn.
Baked, Boiled and Mashed Potatoes.

DESSERT.

Plum Pudding, Brandy and Hard Sauce.
Apple, Rhubarb, and Mince Pies.
Glass of Beer or Wine Tea or Coffee.
Assorted Fresh Fruits and Nuts.
Swiss and Canadian Cheese.

Change of Time.

Beginning Monday, January 4th, the steamer Rosalie will, until further notice, change her time of leaving Victoria to 7:30 a.m. daily except Sunday's. This alteration will enable passengers to reach Seattle at 2:30 every afternoon except Sunday's. Returning, she will leave Seattle daily except Saturday's, at 9:30 p.m.

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NEW COAL MARKET.

Steamship "Florida" Takes the First Island Coal to Oregon—The "Algar" Spoken.

"Al-Ki" Arrives From the North With a Heavy Shipment of Concentrates.

Messrs. F. C. Davidge & Co., of this city, who have of late been brought into considerable prominence through the establishment of an Asiatic steamship line, and more recently the opening up of another line from Portland to Australia, are again in the field of new enterprise, and in shipping circles have made two other interesting departures. The firm were of course not entirely responsibe for the inauguration of the China and Japan line, but they are for the Australian service, the Aswanly, the steamship initiating which they chartered strictly on their own account. This vessel made the first record for the company, carrying away from Portland the largest cargo of flour that has ever left that historic shipping point, amounting to 5,140 tons, and destined for Sydney, N.S.W. But the second record of the company is of more interest even than the first, inasmuch as it was only yesterday established and it marks the first step taken in a trade, the development of which should prove of great advantage to this province. This latest move was in the shipment from the Island collieries yesterday of 5,714 tons of Wellington and Comox coal, destined for Portland, by the steamship Florida. This cargo is not only one of the largest, if not the largest individual shipment on record, but it is the first supply for a new coal yard which Davidge & Company are opening in Portland for the exclusive sale of the British Columbia product, and for its distribution throughout all Oregon. The yard is immediately on the river front, and its facilities comprise both railroad and steamship services, not to speak of a double decked wharf, just completed. This wharf covers a large area and has a frontage on the water of 200 feet, with a depth of 55. Mr. Davidge is confident of success in his enterprise and thinks the British Columbia coal will find a more ready market than either the Welsh or Washington article against which it will have to compete. Regular cargoes will be dispatched to Portland, but he does not know yet by what steamers. The Florida may or may not continue in the service.

THE AL-KI ARRIVES.

Alaska's mineral wealth was well represented in the cargo of the steamship Al-ki, which arrived from the North and made a stay of a little over an hour in port yesterday afternoon. About three hundred tons of concentrates from the different coast mines, mainly from Sheeps' creek, were stored away in her hold, in transit to San Francisco and Everett, and those aboard the vessel say, with the exception of a small shipment of oil from Kilisnoo and a small amount of guano, there will be but very little more freight to come down from Alaska before spring. The principal mining news brought concerns the finding of a very rich body of free milling ore at Berner's Bay, the first report of which came by the Topeka on her last trip. The ledge sinks to a depth of 1,000 feet below the surface, and goes to show through its formation that the mineral of Alaska does not lie on the top of the earth. The Al-Ki's voyage south was accompanied by splendid weather, the City of Topeka and the Willapa being met and spoken, both bound North. There were among the passengers arriving yesterday, E. De Groff, a prominent merchant of Sitka, and Collector of Customs Moore, of the same place. John Y. Ostrander has been appointed U.S. commissioner at Juneau, to succeed Judge Mellon.

MARINE NOTES.

The City of Puebla arrived from San Francisco yesterday with 53 tons of freight for Victoria. She had a fine passage but reports sighting no sealers. The Umatilla, of the same line, will leave for San Francisco this evening, and there are ticketed to voyage on her J. A. Cundall and daughtar, Wm. Lomax, J. W. Haskins and wife, Miss E. Brin, Mrs. Perry and child, and R. J. Horton and wife.

John W. Lysle, who has been freight clerk on the Kingston for several months, has been appointed purser to succeed H. J. Belch. The Kingston will, it is expected, make her last trip to-day before laying up for her annual overhauling.

The Allie I. Algar was spoken last Sunday 60 miles off Point Arena, but her catch was not given. She had five boats out at the time.

The Islander brought no Eastern mail last evening, the Pacific express being several hours late in reaching the Terminal City.

ENTERED.

Str. Islander.....from Vancouver.
" City of Kingston. " Port Townsend.
" Rosalie..... " " "
" City of Puebla.... " San Francisco.
" Princess Louise.. " N. Westminster
" Evangel..... " Port Angeles.
" City of Nanaimo.. " Nanaimo.

CLEARED.

Str. Islander..... for Vancouver.
" City of Kingston. " Port Townsend.
" Rosalie..... " " "
" City of Puebla... " " "
" Princess Louise.. " N.Westminster.
" Evangel..... " Port Angeles.

Neckties will be flying through the air when Marks, at Freeman's old stand, has sold all he has; he sells them at 5 for 25c. x

Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—local testimonials. x

STUDYING CANADA.

A Commissioner From the London "Daily Mail" Travelling Through the Dominion.

He Is Writing Home Letters on the People, Resources and Trade.

Canada is now attracting in Great Britain so much attention and the desire of acquiring direct and accurate knowledge of this country is so keen there, that the London Daily Mail has for the past three months had a commissioner, in the person of Mr. Beckles Willson, travelling through the Dominion for the purpose of spying out the land and sending home the results of his travels in a series of letters, happily entitled "Through Sunny Canada."

Mr. Willson, who arrived last night, is a Canadian by birth, and therefore as he said last night in speaking of his mission, has entered into his work "Con amore." Though a young man, he has had considerable experience in journalism both in Great Britain and on this continent, having when on the staff of the New York Herald been sent to London when the now defunct London edition was started. He has also been connected with some of the more prominent magazines in London and has published several novels dealing with Canadian subjects, his latest work, which is just being published, being entitled "My Little Friend the Cantatrice," dedicated to Madame Albani and with the plot laid in the province of Quebec. Mr. Willson is very strongly impressed with Canada and her coming greatness. Quoting the expression made by Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who is a strong admirer of the Dominion and her people, Mr. Willson said last night: "Canada is a country that puts iron into a man's blood."

"People in Canada don't seem to realize enough," said Mr. Willson, "that there are untold millions in England now waiting for investment. They are not looking to the United States any more but are wavering between Canada and South Africa, and Canada only needs to make herself sufficiently known and not only millions of money but thousands of immigrants will flow this way. What is wanted is to make Canada the highroad across the continent so that the people will be induced to to travel through the Dominion and see it for themselves. Then when they return to England they will talk of what they have seen and so turn the thoughts of intending emigrants from the old country this way. It is only a question of two or three years when with a fast steamshsp line on the Atlantic and a Pacific cable Canada will draw people and capital as she never has before."

Mr. Alfred Harmsworth, the proprietor of the London Daily Mail, is a millionaire and an ardent Imperial Federationist keenly anxious to bring about the closest possible union between the colonies and the mother country and to build up the trade between the various parts of the Empire. It was for this reason he sent Mr. Wilison to Canada, to write home to England all he could gather about her resources, her people, her defences and her unrivalled opportunities for the capitalist or the settler.

Mr. Willson has had the best opportunities in his trip to gain information. He has met the premiers and the leading public men in all the provinces, and in Newfoundland, has had the opportunity of interviewing Premier Laurier and the members of the Dominion cabinet; has talked with Sir Donald Smith, Sir William Van Horne and other leading men, obtained their views and has embodied the results of his investigations in his letters to his paper.

Another highly important matter that Mr. Harmsworth had in view in connection with Mr. Willson's visit to Canada, is to get the views of the heads of the newspapers on the subject of a Canadian press association on the lines of the Associated Press, so that the Dominion should not get its cable dispatches tinged with United States ideas, as is the case of the news that now comes from London through New York. Mr. Willson has seen a large number of Canadian editors on this subject and with most gratifying success. He will remain in Victoria for at least a week, gathering all the information he can in that time. On his way to the Coast Mr. Willson visited the mining districts of the province and was wonderfully impressed with what he saw of British Columbia's mineral resources. He is staying at the Driard.

AN institution that should prove a credit to the city and go far towards uplifting socially and morally many who at present often find life a burden has just been started on Store street in the shape of a reading room for sealers, seamen, fishermen, longshoremen and cabin men. The rooms are situated just opposite the rice and flour mills, and will be under the management of a committee appointed by an association of which Mr. T. B. Hall is treasurer, and Mr. Lindley Crease secretary. They will be provided with good readiag matter, games, music and all reasonable recreation. Coffee, tea and other non-alcoholic liquors will be furnished, it being calculated to make the institution self-supporting. The small but suitable house already in use has been furnished and paid for, but further contributions from the public are required to complete its equipment. The subscriptions that have already been received are as follows: Capt. Grant $50, James Dunsmuir $50, E. B. Marvin & Co $20, Capt. Cox $20, Turner, Beeton & Co. $25, A. C. Flumerfelt $25, George Gillespie $5, Jos. Boscowitz $25, T. B. Hall $50, Hall, Goepel & Co. $20, R. P. Rithet & Co. $25, Mr. Galletley $5, F. Carne $5, Capt. Clarke $10, Erskine, Wall & Co. $10, Mayor Redfern $5, W. Templeman, Daily Times; T. N. Hibben & Co. $10, the COLONIST P. & P. Co., daily.

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A LAND OF WONDERS.

Explorers of Vancouver's Unknown Wilderness Meet Under Interesting Circumstances.

Mysterious Messages From an Unknown Race Once Peopling Our Island Home.

British Columbia and British Columbians have much to thank Mr. J. W. Laing for—more perhaps than the majority have yet had time to realize. In the first place his recent expedition into the unknown wilds of this island has enabled him to place the provincial government in possession of a variety of valuable information, in maps and field notes that will be of the greatest possible value in correcting the existing maps of the little known island interior which he has so recently explored. Since his return to civilization he has, too, been active in disseminating information of the beauties and resources of the unknown Island interior—still terra incognita to almost everyone, although so close upon the boundaries of advanced civilization—even taking time during the course of a just completed visit to California, which was intended to be all holiday, to make the members of the Geographical Society of the Pacific acquained with some of his interesting discoveries.

This San Francisco society is in affiliation with the Royal Geographical Society of London, of which Mr. Laing is a fellow, and it has as its president no less well-known a person than Professor George Davidson, whose good work as a geodetic surveyor is familiar to every student of Pacific Coast history. It was at Professor Davidson's request that Mr. Laing's lecture was given, before the largest audience that the Coast Geographical Society has assembled in years. First of all, Mr. Laing dealt with the earlier history of this interesting island; Vancouver's career, his bravery, his energy and his extreme accuracy in his surveys being especially emphasized, and Mr. Laing's remarks in this latter connection being afterwards heartily endorsed and supported by Professor Davidson.

Then the recent expedition through the Island was described in detail, Rev. Mr. Bolton assisting, and a large number of the views taken by Mr. Fleming being thrown upon the canvas. The trip carried the party from Alert Bay, on the east coast, to Nootka Sound on the west, 315 miles of wildly picturesque country being traversed, rough and inhospitable not infrequently, but deeply interesting to the travellers, and to all who, from them, have the opportunity of learning of its wonders.

The journey westward took Mr. Laing and his companions to and around Buttle's lake—as related in the COLONIST on his return to Victoria—and he was able to correct the false impression given by existing maps as to its form and prominent characteristics, the two large islands said to be found being nothing more than large rocks and the lake itself terminating in two arms instead of maintaining an undivided surface to the end. The lake takes its name from the discoverer, Mr. John Buttle, one of the pioneer brigade of Sappers and Miners who played an important part in the early history of British Columbia, and who was the first white man to note its silvery whiteness breaking the dark green and grey of the widespreading panorama.

This was 36 years ago, when Mr. Buttle was on an extensive prospecting tramp, entering the wilderness, as Mr. Laing and his companions did, from the East coast. He then viewed the prospect o'er from a lofty eminence 20 miles or more to the southwest of the lake to which he gave his name.

Last Tuesday he had the opportunity of being present at Union Square hall in San Francisco, when Mr. Laing told the story of a nearer inspection, occupying a seat on the platform and reviving memories of his younger days of activity and ambition as one by one the picturesque scenes were unfolded, familiar in all probability to him alone of the hundreds in the audience. He is now an old man, his hair being touched with the frosts of three score years and ten, but he retains all his mental faculties undimmed, and entered with zest and enthusiasm into the subject old with him, but fresh with Messrs. Laing and Bolton.

It was during the course of their interesting though hazardous journey which formed the topic of Mr. Laing's recent talk in the Bay City, that he and his companions made a remarkable discovery—a discovery which has excited the curiosity of scientists and students throughout all the civilized world. The explorers were at the time crossing Great Central lake, the largest body of fresh water on the island, with a length of thirty miles, when the curious markings upon the face of a giant rock attracted Mr. Laing's attention. The canoe was stopped, and investigation disclosed that a message had been left by some prehistoric dwellers of the lake deep traced in the imperishable rock.

The hieroglyphics forming the inscription were arranged in five parallel lines—somewhat similar to a musical staff—while above was what apparently had been intended for a log of wood and a growing tree—a third figure, placed at the right hand, resembling nothing so much as a seven-branched candlestick.

The impression, despite the fact that centuries must have passed since it was chiselled by someone whose race even is now a forgotten people, remains clear and distinct. Photographs were taken of the rock, and sketches made of the interesting inscription. They have been sent, among others, to Dr. Franz Boaz, the eminent investigator, of the Smithsonian Institute, who is now studying them with keen delight. He promises to bring all his ability to bear upon the interpretation of the meaning, and aided by what the Indians can tell of the great race now extinct, who once inhabited the country round about Great Central lake, discoveries may even now be close at hand in regard to Vancouver island's ancient people that will astound the world of science. Who knows?

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THE CLAIMS COMMISSION

Will Probably Rest From Its Labors Before the Close of the Present Week.

The Behring sea claims commission sat till 2 o'clock yesterday, most of the time being taken up by Hon. Mr. Dickinson in cross-examination of Mr. Wm. Munsie on the Favorite case. Henry M. Thornton of Port Townsend, who was an expert witness for the United States on the value of the machinery of the Dolphin, Grace and Anna Beck, stated that he had examined the vessels at Port Townsend after they were sent down from Alaska by the United States government to be sold. The machinery then was in very bad condition and hardly worth anything, and in his opinion when new would have cost in Seattle much less than the cost the witnesses for the British side gave.

The memory of Mr. Thornton seemed to be very defective, for in cross-examination he said he had made his examination at Port Townsend in February, 1887, when as a fact the vessels were only seized in July of that year and it was two years later when they were taken to Port Townsend. He seemed to have forgotten what the machinery was like, for he could not give the sizes of the boilers or the description of the machinery.

The commission sits again to-morrow, and will probably conclude its labors by the end of the present week; a recess of four or five days following, and San Francisco then being visited for the taking of testimony from sealers resident there who have knowledge of the facts upon which the British claims are based. Then evidence will in all likelihood be of double use to the American government, enabling them to arrive at the fair and just settlement of the Canadian claims and at the same time making them familiar with the facts upon which to compensate their own citizens when the proper time comes—these United States sealers being in many respects in the same position as those whose cases are now before the commission.

INSTALLATIONS AND JOLLIFICATIONS.

Doings in the Societies Last Week and Coming Events Promised.

Installations in the various fraternal societies are still in order, and on Thursday evening Court Northern Light, A. O. F., chose their new officers, who were then installed as follows: C. R., C. W. Wilkes; S. C. R., W. McLean; T. C., J. Salmon; S., W. F. Fullerton; S. W., A. Bantley; J. W., J. S. Sherbourne; S. B., J. Blagure; J. B., J. Deans; trustee, J. G. Thompson; surgeon, Dr. F. W. Hall.

Victoria Lodge, K. of P., also installed officers last week. They are: P.C., J. Cameron; V.C., A. E. Greenwood; prelate, R. Bryce; M. of A., P. A. Phillips; K. of R. and S., E. P. Nathan; M. of E., J. T. Pearse; M. of F., E. E. Leeson; representatives to grand lodge, J. Cameron and E. Dickinson.

The Rathbone Sisters are giving their anniversary ball on Wednesday evening at Philharmonic hall, and Hope lodge, Degree of Honor, intend to have a masquerade ball on February 11. Wolff's orchestra has been engaged for both occasions. Another event to come soon is the concert to be given by Colfax Rebekah Degree, No. 1, on January 26.

Columbia lodge, No. 2, I.O.O.F., inaugurated a new term last Wednesday by the initiation of a candidate and a proposition for membership by deposit of card was also received.

Perseverance lodge had a little jollification on Tuesday evening, some of the officers of Fidelity lodge helping in the entertainment at which songs, recitations and instrumental music made up the programme, with a Chinese monologue by Mr. Trowsdale.

Several accessions were made to the ranks of Fernwood lodge, C.O.O.F., at Friday evening's meeting. At the next meeting official degrees will be conferred on past officers and on February 9 the past grands meet at Dauntless lodge to confer the Purple degree.

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